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kt. No. OPY1104-CPLR

Declaration And Power of Attorney

Page No. 1**DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention (Design, if applicable) entitled MEANS FOR COUPLING CONDUIT the specification of which (check one): ☒ is attached hereto; ☐ I was filed on _____ as Provisional Application Serial No. _____ and was amended on (or amended through) _____ (if applicable); was filed as International Application (PCT) No. _____ and amended on _____ (if applicable). I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment(s) referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a). I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application(s)Priority Claimed

(Number)	(Country)	(Date filed)	Yes	No
	NA			
	NA			

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) and/or § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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 For: MEANS FOR COUPLING CONDUIT

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 Status (37 CFR §1.9 (f) and § 1.27 (b)) -Independent Inventor

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR §1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41 (a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled
MEANS FOR COUPLING CONDUIT described in

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☐ [] application serial no. _____, filed on _____

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